

FEEDING-TRACKS OF *LIMAX MAXIMUS* LINN.

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(Plate xxiv.)

In Proc. Linn. Soc. London, October, 1913, p.70, Mrs. Jane Longstaff, F.L.S., describes and figures the feeding-tracks of this slug. Some eighteen years ago, I noticed an individual of the same species feeding on the film of green conferva which had grown inside a white enamel bowl used for holding water for a dog. The tracks are very plainly shown by the removal of the green conferva from the white surface. There is no trace visible of the twin scratches at the apex of the individual tracks, seen by Mrs. Longstaff, and given in her illustration.

Mrs. Longstaff figures only a single row of the tracks, and does not give the scale; and as my specimen shows the sequence of a large number of rows, and also various irregular and return-tracks, it will be of interest. The illustration is from a photograph by my son, Mr. W. A. Steel, and is natural size.

I have deposited the specimen in the Australian Museum, Sydney.

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EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXIV.Feeding-tracks of *Limax maximus* Linn. (nat. size).